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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Reverend Donald
4 McFadden, Sr., of Chicago, on his 17th anniversary of ministry,
5 as the Chief Christian engineer of the St. Joseph Missionary
6 Baptist Church in Chicago; and

7 WHEREAS, Reverend McFadden attended Chicago Baptist
8 Institute; he received his professional credentials from
9 Illinois State University; he returned to his hometown of
10 Chicago and presented his credentials as an engineer to the
11 board of directors of St. Joseph, filling a vacancy as building
12 engineer and watchman, as written in Ezekiel 2:1, "son of man,
13 I have made you a watchmen for the house of Israel, therefor
14 hear a word from my mouth and give them warning from me"; and

15 WHEREAS, He presented himself as a qualified engineer with
16 the knowledge and mechanical understanding of heating,
17 plumbing, electrical, and even auto repair, with the ability,
18 the strength, and the hands to accomplish much; and

19 WHEREAS, As chief engineer of the church, he has seen the
20 congregation grow from 150 members to a congregation of now
21 over 400 members; and

1 WHEREAS, Reverend McFadden has the support of his members
2 and his tireless life companion, love, and co-worker in
3 Christian service, his wife and first lady, Sharon McFadden;
4 and to this union God blessed them with five children; and

5 WHEREAS, In December of 1992, the board of directors
6 selected Donald McFadden to be pastor, giving him the
7 credentials, the title, and the responsibility; and

8 WHEREAS, Reverend McFadden founded a food and clothing
9 program to help those in need; and

10 WHEREAS, Reverend McFadden recognized the need for
11 education, starting a community-wide annual summer bible
12 school and a scholarship program; and

13 WHEREAS, For 17 years Reverend McFadden has seen to the
14 needs of his people, the people of the community, and anyone in
15 need; he has served faithfully and has guided and changed lives
16 around him; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 congratulate Reverend Donald McFadden, Sr., on his 17 years of
20 ministry and wish him continued success for years to come; and
21 be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Reverend Donald McFadden, Sr., as a symbol of our
3 respect and esteem.